

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:29 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1227–28.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### EXPOSURE TO AIRBORNE HAZARDS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the health effects of exposure to airborne hazards, including toxic fumes from burn pits, after receiving testimony from Terry M. Rauch, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Readiness Policy and Oversight, Raul Mirza, Division Chief of Occupational and Environmental Medicine Clinical Public Health and Epidemiology, Army Public Health Center, Colonel Adam J. Newell, USAF, Chief of Medical Readiness, Air Force Medical Readiness Agency, and Captain Brian L. Feldman, USN, Commander, Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center, all of the Department of Defense; Steven Patterson, former Environmental Science Officer, Combined Joint Task Force 101 Headquarters, Afghanistan, 2008–2009; Anthony M. Szema, Northwell Health Foundation; Tom Porter, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America; and Rosie Torres, Burn Pits 360.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be Chairman, Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman, and Philip Nathan Jefferson, of North Carolina, to be a Member, all of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Sandra L. Thompson, of Maryland, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

### CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund formula, after receiving testimony from Jonathan L. Ramseur, Specialist in Environmental Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Laura Watson, Washington State Department of Ecology, Olympia, on behalf of the Environmental Council of the States' Water Committee; and Thomas W. Sigmund, NEW Water, Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Cleveland, both on behalf

of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies.

### PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE INFLATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine prescription drug price inflation, focusing on the urgent need to lower drug prices in Medicare, after receiving testimony from Rena Conti, Boston University Questrom School of Business Department of Markets, Public Policy and Law, Boston, Massachusetts; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, and Stephen J. Ezell, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Steffany Stern, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

### VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND TERRORISM

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine violent extremism and terrorism, focusing on the threat to houses of worship and public spaces, after receiving testimony from Ryan T. Young, Executive Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Stephanie Dobitsch, Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence Enterprise Operations, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Christopher Logan, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Marcus T. Coleman Jr., Director, Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

### FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR NATIVE BUSINESS OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Federal support for Native business capacity building and success, after receiving testimony from Wizipan Garriott, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Janie Simms Hipp, General Counsel, Department of Agriculture; Wahleah Johns, Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, Department of Energy; Gary Hennigh, City of King Cove, Anchorage, Alaska; Lexie Holden, Intertribal Agriculture Council, Billings, Montana; JT Willie, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; and J. Kukui Maunakea-Forth, MA'O Organic Farms, Wai'anae, Hawai'i.

### SMALL BUSINESS FRANCHISING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine small business franchising, focusing on an overview of the industry, Small Business Administration's role, and legislative proposals, including S. 420, to amend the

National Labor Relations Act, the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947, and the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, S. 1120, to establish minimum standards of disclosure by franchises whose franchisees use loans guaranteed by the Small Business Administration, and S. 2162, to require the Small Business Administration to publish loan default rates by franchise brand, after receiving testimony from Senator Cortez Masto; Robert W. Emerson, University of Florida Warrington College of Business, Gainesville; Aaron Yelowitz,

University of Kentucky, Lexington, on behalf of the Cato Institute; Leanne Stapf, The Cleaning Authority, Columbia, Maryland, on behalf of the International Franchise Association; and Bryan Tipton, Tipton Investments, Nicholasville, Kentucky.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 7095–7107; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 76; and H. Res. 986–988, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Underwood to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:37 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Address of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine:** Agreed by unanimous consent that proceedings during the address of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine held in the Capitol Visitor Center Congressional Auditorium, on March 16, 2022, be printed in the Record.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:57 p.m. and reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

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**Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal Act and Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair Act—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 979, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 963) to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2116) to prohibit discrimination based on an individual's texture or style of hair, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 219 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 74, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 219 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 73.

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Tuesday, March 15th.

**Save the Liberty Theatre Act:** H.R. 3197, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the City of Eunice, Louisiana, certain Federal land in Louisiana, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 75;

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**Designating the El Paso Community Healing Garden National Memorial:** H.R. 4380, to designate the El Paso Community Healing Garden National Memorial, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 403 yeas to 25 nays, Roll No. 76; and

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**Japanese American World War II History Network Act:** H.R. 6434, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish, within the National Park Service, the Japanese American World War II History Network, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 77.

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**Discharge Petition:** Representative Gosar presented to the Clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure from the consideration of the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 46, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on March 13, 2020, which was referred to said committee May 20th, 2021 (Discharge Petition No. 12).

**Senate Referral:** S. 623 was held at the desk.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3747.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3759, H3759–60, H3760–61, H3761–62, and H3762.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:52 p.m.